

# California Medical Association



## Council Highlights

### Highlights of the Actions of the California Medical Association Council Meeting, January 9 to 10, Los Angeles

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**A Professional Liability Legislative Program For 1970** was approved. The liability package, with eight recommendations, includes two bills on measure of damages. One of the most far-reaching proposals in the liability package calls for a study on possible development of an association made up of insurance companies writing liability coverage in California. This association would be required to make professional liability insurance available.

**A \$20 dues increase** was recommended in order to provide funds for new activities to put CMA in a leadership role in the health care field during the 1970s as well as compensating for the rise in operating costs facing the Association due to inflation. CMA dues have remained at the same level for the past four years. The recommendation will be submitted to the House of Delegates next March.

**Council assigned the Commission on Allied Health Professions and Services** to study the

training, education and responsibilities of the assistant to the physician.

**A draft of "Guiding Principles for Long-Term Care in Nursing Homes"** was approved. It will be submitted to the CMA House of Delegates for ratification.

**Merger of the CMA Committee on Health Care for the Aging with the CMA Committee on Long-Term Care Facilities** was approved. The combined committee was renamed "Long-Term Care Survey Committee." Creation of the new committee is an important step in extending the CMA survey concept to long-term care facilities.

**The CMA Investment Policy and Procedural Manual**, which provides guidelines for management of the CMA investment reserve fund, was adopted.

CMA support of the Health Science Facilities Construction Bond Issue (Proposition 1) was pledged by Council. A motion also was approved calling for a \$25,000 contribution and a public information campaign.